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A TOWN that never has anything to do in a public way is on the way to the cemetery. Any citizen who will do nothing for his town is helping to dig the grave. A man that curses the town furnishes the coffin. The man who is so selfish as to have no time from his business to give to city affairs is making the shroud. The man who will not advertise is driving the hearse. The man who is always pulling back from any public enterprise throws bouquets on the grave. The man who is so stingy as to be howling hard times preaches the funeral, sings the doxology, and thus the town lies buried from all sorrow and care.

TO PLACE your umbrella in a rack indicates that it is about to change owners; an umbrella carried over a woman, the man getting nothing but the drippings of the rain, signifies courtship; when the man has the umbrella and the woman the drippings, indicates marriage; to carry it an angle under the arm, signifies that an eye is to be lost by the man who follows you; to put a cotton umbrella by the side of a silk one means "exchange is no robbery;" to lend an umbrella may be interpreted, "I am a fool;" to carry an umbrella just high enough to tear out men's eyes and knock off men's hats signifies, "I am a woman."

THE school library does awake an interest in the pupil. It gives him a good appetite; it stimulates. It opens the channels of usefulness. It has a powerful tendency to keep the boy in school longer, and thus in the above enumerated ways aids in the development of character that will be beneficial to the men and women of the future and also to those with whom they come in contact through business and social life.

A BOY who calls his mother the "old woman," or his father "the governor," is building upon the sand. Do you want to be a power among men, to be a leader? Learn to control your temper, to master yourself. A boy who does not control his tongue and his temper will never become a master of men. Do not imitate the vices of fast young men, thinking it will make you manly.

THE official statement of the financial condition of the Lomax & Standly bank is printed in THE BLADE today. This is an institution to which every citizen of Laclede and surrounding country can point to with pride, for a safe, sound and prosperous banking house indicates the same conditions among the business men and people generally.

ADULTERATION of food has got to be an evil against which all the health officers and all the doctors and all the ministers and all the reformers and all the christians need set themselves in battle array.

THE Taft for president sentiment is spreading so rapidly that it now looks as if the popular secretary of war would have but little if any opposition in the nominating convention next year.

ONE half hour each day spent in diligent work will keep the lawn and premises surrounding any house in apple-pie order, and make our city the garden spot of our fair state.

GET your books ready. The Laclede schools open next Monday.

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Our Special Correspondent Writes Entertainingly of Things at Washington.

THE news that the secretary of state, Elihu Root, is at William Muldoon's sanitarium, near New York, has given rise to a number of wholly unfounded reports to the effect that Mr. Root has suffered a nervous breakdown, has quarreled with the president, contemplates resigning from the cabinet, etc., all of which your correspondent is in a position emphatically to deny. Mr. Root has had no quarrel with the president and he has no thought of resigning from the cabinet. On the contrary, he expects to start next month for Mexico, where he will be the guest of President Diaz for a short time. Neither is Mr. Root a nervous wreck, although it is a fact that he is worn out with the heavy responsibilities of his high position, and the great amount of detail work which devolves upon him because he has not been given competent assistants.

There is another reason, however, why Mr. Root deemed it wise to spend the few remaining weeks of his vacation at Muldoon's, and that is that despite the fact that he went to his summer home at Clinton, N. Y., with the hope of securing complete rest, hardly a day has passed on which one or more visitors have not arrived from New York. As Mr. Root's place is quite distant from the station, it was necessary to keep most of these over night, and the secretary has sat far into the night, evening after evening, talking politics, finance, etc., with his New York friends, many of whom were his clients when he practiced his profession in New York, and whom he was bound to treat with the utmost courtesy. Finding his vacation speeding to its close without his having enjoyed the complete rest which he so sorely needed, he determined to retire to Muldoon's, and now no friend can get at him without first encountering Muldoon, and even now the ex-prize-fighter would not be a pleasant gentleman to tackle. Mr. Root spends much time in the saddle, practically all his waking hours in the open air, and is thus able to sleep from ten to twelve hours out of the twenty-four. He writes his friends in Washington that he expects to return to Washington rested and rejuvenated and ready for the hard winter's work that is ahead of him.

Secretary Taft's western trip and the speeches in which he is announcing the platform on which he asks the presidential nomination continue to attract the attention of the politicians in Washington, and while the secretary has not made any effort to capture his audiences by bursts of oratory or flights of fancy, and while his speeches have been as free from anything savoring of demagoguery as is the man himself, it is generally conceded that he is daily becoming better known and a more difficult candidate for the anti-Roosevelt faction to defeat. Mr. Taft has amply demonstrated his adherence to that body of political and economic propositions which are known as the Roosevelt policies: he has also displayed a judicial temperament and a respect for the constitution which are very attractive to some republicans who have, unwarrantably, no doubt, feared that President Roosevelt was going too far in his efforts to correct all evils through the federal government.

It is generally agreed among the politicians that the loyalty of the people to Roosevelt and the desire of many that he should accept a third term are preventing that enthusiasm for other candidates which would be certain if it were accepted

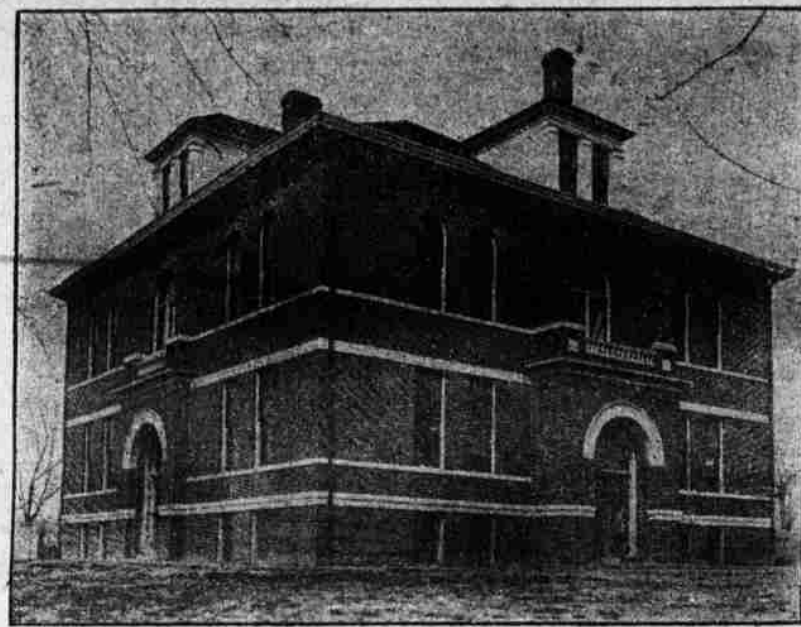
as a fact that the president would not accept another nomination. For Mr. Taft this situation has many advantages. For other candidates it is a detriment to their ambitions. It is a safe prediction, however, that when the proper time comes, probably about the end of this year, President Roosevelt will make a final and unequivocal statement completely and absolutely eliminating himself from consideration, and when he does so he will contrive in some manner to let the voters know that he regards Mr. Taft as the man most in sympathy with, most loyal to and most capable of carrying the Roosevelt policies to a successful issue.

Just at present the anti-Roosevelt faction in the republican party is much at sea regarding a candidate. The first of the so called conservative candidates put forth was Senator Knox. Mr. Knox is a man of ability, he has received the endorsement of his state convention, and it was hoped that he might be the man to lead the anti-Rooseveltites to victory. Reports of his strength began to come in from the far west, and for a time the outlook was favorable. Then his far west adherents were identified as the men who are amenable to President James J. Hill of the Great Northern Railway and that hurt the Pennsylvanian. In New England, Senator Murray Crane, who quarrelled with the president over the railway rate bill, made a personal canvass and was unable to find any Knox sentiment, and so reported to Senator Aldrich when that statesman returned recently from Europe. The boom of Vice-president Fairbanks has been so seriously punctured that the more skilful politicians no longer take it seriously. Speaker Cannon's boom might prove the most powerful of all, were it not for the speaker's great age and the fear that he would not live through his term. At present, there are many indications that the anti-Roosevelt crowd will unite on Governor Hughes, not because they entirely like him, but because they regard him as the most available candidate and because before he was elected governor his associations and affiliations were all with the corporations. Should there be a deadlock in the convention which prevented the nomination of Taft, at least by the third ballot, George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, would doubtless stand an excellent chance as the compromise candidate, and Mr. Cortelyou, who has unbounded faith in his star of destiny, which in a few short years has taken him from a stenographer's desk to the second highest place in the cabinet, is a strong believer in the likelihood of that deadlock. At Oyster Bay, however, it is believed that there will be no deadlock, and that William H. Taft will be nominated on the second ballot, the first being largely composed of complimentary votes for the several favorite sons.

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HADLEY IN THE LEAD

McKinley a Candidate for U. S. Senator—Swanger May Succeed Himself

From Kansas City Star.

The announcement comes from Putnam county that John C. McKinley, who has been a prospective candidate for the republican nomination for governor, is now a candidate for the United States senate. Mr. McKinley is now lieutenant governor.

Until the dinner in Kansas City, when Harry New and others were here, McKinley figured that he and Herbert S. Hadley were not far apart in the gubernatorial race. The welcome given to Hadley at the dinner convinced him that Hadley would have a decided advantage and it is now said among the politicians that McKinley is a full-fledged candidate for the senate.

R. C. Kerens has been running for senator so long that the politicians simply enter him in the race without asking him. But all the surface indications are that he intends to be a candidate again. It is very generally believed that if Kerens has his name placed on the ballot as a candidate for the senate, Thomas K. Niedringhaus will do the same.

Under the law, candidates for the senate must run before the people at the general election. The names of all the candidates for senator must be filed with the secretary of state and appear on the official ballot at the general election. The candidate for senator who receives the largest number of votes is to be the caucus nominee of his party, and the law says he must receive the votes of all the members of the legislature who belong to his own party. There is no way of compelling the members to vote for any one candidate, and it is not improbable that in both parties the fight will be so bitter that outside candidates will have a chance, no matter which party may win.

John E. Swanger will probably be a candidate for secretary of state again. Some of his friends have sought to run him for governor, and others now want him to run for United States senator, but he has a pretty good office now and no opposition in his own party. W. W. Wilder will be a candidate for auditor again and his nomination

tion is almost a certainty.

The constitution does not permit the state treasurer to succeed himself, so Jacob F. Gmelich, the present treasurer, will not be a candidate again. "Uncle Jake," as he is familiarly called, has been one of the state's most careful officials and is a very capable business man. His chief clerk, Wilbur Maning, of Schell City, will be a candidate to succeed him.

Improving Missouri's Roads

The movement for several state roads is one to be warmly commended, not only in itself, but for the results that will follow. Three state roads are talked of at this time, and the construction of all would be a good thing. They would certainly encourage the building of connecting and lateral lines, as well as furnish valuable information on methods and cost. Through appropriations at the last session of the legislature every section of the state has more money than usual to spend on roads, and it would be humiliating to have the funds go out without any permanent improvement of the highways. New laws have been passed by which joint local action is promoted. A few years hence a bad road in Missouri ought to be looked on as a confession of poor management and lack of enterprise.

A narrow, jealous spirit in regard to state roads is to be condemned, and so is the idea that the persons to be most benefited by improved highways should pay nothing toward them. One remark heard is that the national government should build fewer battleships and spend the money on local roads. Congress will enter upon no such course in behalf of neighborhoods so shiftless and penurious that they would rather drive around a mud-hole for years than spend a little time and money to fix it. Those who get good roads must lend a hand and share the cost. They will find all sound road improvement to be cash in their pockets and comforts in their homes. It will increase the value of their property as well as save time, money and expensive wear and tear. By systematic road expenditure Missouri can add tens of millions to its valuations and greatly to its general advantages.—Globe Democrat.